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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEGMENTED PEER-TO-PEER COMPUTING

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A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for managing processing of data in data processing system within a peer-to-peer network data

10   processing system. A request is received from a requestor. Preferences are compared within the request to control information to form a comparison, in which the control information dictates responses by the data processing system. The request is selectively responded to based on comparison.